

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Neelam Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village, Chinnakodur Mandal, Medak District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 30-05-2009 – Sanction of prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 198

Dated:10-03-2010.

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ORDER:

1. Whereas, Sri Neelam Yadagiri, S/o.Sri N.Mallaiah, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village, Chinnakodur Mandal, Medak District from 04-06-2008 to 30-05-2009 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri G.Yadaiah, S/o. Sri Narsaiah, 45 years, Occupation: Agriculture is a resident of Gonepally Village, Chinnakodur Mandal, Medak District. His father inherited agriculture land to an extent of 6.11 acres in Sy.Nos.178/EE, 178/Ru, 181/AA, 181/U, 182/EE and 182/Ru situated in the outskirts of Gonepally Village and his father intended to obtain agriculture loan from Bank, for which his father requires copy of current year i.e., 2008-09, Pahani Choupasla of the said lands. Sri G.Yadaiah along with his father met Sri N.Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village on 13-03-2009 and requested to issue the copy of current year Pahani Choupasla of their lands for which Sri N.Yadagiri informed that there is no entry in the name of his father has no entry in Pahani Choupasla in respect of the land in Sy.No.178/Ru to an extent of 0.08 guntas since 1994-95, in Sy.No.181/AA to an extent of 0.024 guntas and in Sy.No.181/U to an extent of 0.05 acres since 2001-02 and suggested to submit a petition to the Tahsildar, Chinnakodur. But the name of his father was entered against the said lands in Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed. On 16-03-2009 Sri G.Yadaiah and his father went to Chinnakodur and submitted a petition to the Tahsildar requesting to make an entry in the name of his father in respect of the land in Sy.Nos.178/Ru, 181/AA and 181/U in the Pahanies. The Tahsildar, Chinnakodur endorsed the said petition to Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Sri N.Yadagiri for enquiry and report and directed them to hand over the same to the Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally. Accordingly, his father met Sri N.Yadagiri on the same day and handed over the said petition by enclosing original Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed. After one week, Sri N.Yadagiri visited their lands and

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conducted enquiry over their lands with the neighboring farmers. On the next day, Sri G.Yadaiah along with his father approached Sri N.Yadagiri and requested to do their work for which Sri N.Yadagiri directed them to meet after 2-3 days, as he was busy with General Election duties. As his father is aged about 75 years, his father entrusted the said work to Sri G.Yadaiah. Since 20-03-2009, he met Sri N.Yadagiri daily at his office and requested for his work, but he did not respond and avoided on one or the other pretext. On 27-05-2009 when Sri G.Yadaiah met the Village Revenue Officer Sri N.Yadagiri at Gonepally Village, and requested to do his work, the Village Revenue Officer demanded Rs.1,600/- as bribe and stated that if the said amount is paid as bribe, he would submit enquiry report to the Tahsildar, Chinnakodur regarding the possession of land in Sy.Nos.178/Ru to an extent of 0.08 guntas since 1994-95, in Sy.No.181/AA to an extent of 0.024 guntas and in Sy.No.181/U to an extent of 0.05 guntas since 2001-02 by his father and also issue the copy of current year Pahanai Choupasla by making entry of the name of his father. When Sri G.Yadaiah expressed his inability to pay such amount as bribe, the Village Revenue Officer reduced his demand of bribe to Rs.1,000/- and firmly stated that if the said amount of Rs.1,000/- was paid as bribe, his work will be done, otherwise work will not be done. As there was no other go, Sri G.Yadaiah agreed to pay the said amount as bribe and informed that after having discussion with his father, he will come and pay the same. Then Sri N.Yadagiri instructed to meet him on 30-05-2009 along with the bribe amount at his house at Siddipet town;

3. And whereas, on the same day, Sri G.Yadaiah informed his father about the demand of bribe by Sri N.Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer for submitting his enquiry report to the Tahsildar, Chinnakodur, his father was not willing to pay such bribe to Sri N.Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer and instructed him to approach the Anti-Corruption Bureau Office and lodge complaint against Sri N.Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer;

4. And whereas, Sri G.Yadaiah lodged a complaint with Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Sangareddy on 28-05-2009 and after verification, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad Range has registered the complaint of Sri G.Yadaiah as a case in Cr.No.14/ACB-NZB/2009 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) on 30-05-2009 at 03:00 hours and investigated into;

5. And whereas, on 30-05-2009, i.e., on the date of trap, at about 07:50 hours, when Sri N.Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepalli Village, Chinnakodur Manadal, Medak District was trapped by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad Range when he demanded and accepted the tainted currency from Sri G.Yadaiah at his house as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration. Both the hand fingers when tested in Sodium Carbonate solution, it gave positive result. The tainted currency of Rs.1,000/- was recovered from his table in the kitchen at

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his instance of Sri N.Yadagiri. The contact portion of the table with that of the tainted currency when tested in sodium carbonate solution, it also yielded positive result. The official favour documents were also recovered from the house of Sri N.Yadagiri;

6. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri Neelam Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village, Chinnakoduru Mandal, Medak District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri N.Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village, Chinnakodur Mandal, Medak District from Govt. service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, Mediator's Reports-I and II, final investigation report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents placed before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations, and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Neelam Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village, Chinnakodur Mandal, Medak District should be prosecuted in a Court of law, for the aforesaid offences;

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Neelam Yadagiri, Village Revenue Officer, Gonepally Village, Chinnakodur Mandal, Medak District for the offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER